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The Palace, Mysore,

30th January 1922.

My dear Raja Sahib,

Thank you for your letter dated the 18th with enclosures.

You do not say what the Viceroy said when you told him that His Highness himself might come and see him. Did he show any sign of approval, or keep quiet ? Both Mr. Campbell and I had talks, but separately, with Mr. de Montmorency, Chief Secretary to the Prince, about the Subsidy. He said that he dealt with the question when he was in the Foreign Office, and felt most hopeful about the result. I asked him whether he could tell me what relief Mysore could reasonably expect to get, but this, he said, he was not in a position to do.

As regards the Surplus also, there seems to be a better chance of our getting a more satisfactory reply from the Government of India now. The Resident is more favourably disposed. Mr. de Montmorency did not know anything about this question. Lord Cromer has also promised to speak to Lord Reading about these two questions. The reception accorded to the Prince at Mysore made a very favourable impression on the Prince and his staff, and they were quite pleased with their visit to Mysore.

As regards His Highness's visit to Delhi, His Highness is not, as you can guess, very keen about it. He thinks that he would not be able to achieve anything. If you are still very strongly in favour of the visit, kindly let me know. Do you think it any use His Highness writing to the Viceroy himself regarding the Surplus ?

With reference to this question, we have been

telling these people that we want Rs 4 lakhs a year as a permanent annual payment to the State, plus payment of the whole of the accumulated arrears, which amount to about 35 lakhs. We might agree to the reduction of a few lakhs if the Government of India persist in their attempts to beat us down still further - this, of course, is between ourselves. It seems to me better not to say anything at this stage about giving us a percentage of the gross income. We must go on telling them, as we have done in our last letter, of which a copy has been sent to you, that Mysore cannot agree to negotiations being started on a fresh basis, that they cannot allow Government of India to go back on the offer made to us, and that the point in dispute now is only as regards the accumulated amount. Beyond telling them that they should arrive at an early settlement of this question, you need not make any definite offer on behalf of the Durbar till you hear from me again. As I said the question is a simple one. We must wait and see what reply Government of India is going to give us. We have every hope that they will give in in the end. Ours is a just cause. If we persevere, we should win. As a third party your advice to them that it would be highly undesirable to disappoint Mysore in this matter would have, I feel, some effect.

I am enclosing a copy of your note regarding the Surplus Revenues and have noted on the margin remarks against such points as seemed to require them. They are meant for your information, ^{only} and in order to keep you posted with all aspects of the question. I am also sending a copy of your note on the Subsidy with a few verbal additions and alterations.

With affectionate regards,

Yours very sincerely,

S/ Mirza As Dmail